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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A State of the Club Message seems a bit presumptuous on my part, but I would like to take the chance to thank those that have come before and encourage those that will come after. Our club owes longstanding debts to those that have brought us to this point; Tom Reiman, without whom our club would be a very different organization, Owen Lowe, Fred Kline, Don Woodward, Jim Hall, Bob Mach, Walt Brown, Jerry Keller and of course, Bob Tuck. Not meaning to slight the many others that have served the club as officers and board members, but to save space, we owe all of you our thanks. In thanking those that have served Northwest Woodturners, I would like to encourage all the others members to become involved with the management your club. Over the next year, look for jobs you think you could fill. Look for a need the club has and provide a solution for it. Volunteer and take on the responsibility of helping to form and guide Northwest Woodturners.



"If it ain't broke, don't fix it" seems like good advice to me. As president, I don't foresee redirecting the clubs activity in significant ways. There are a few things I'd like to see us accomplish. To let Tom off the hook now and then, we need to find other places to meet for "Learn to Turn" gatherings to encourage and instruct new members and other turners. We all benefit from these sessions. There is no substitute for hands-on instruction to increase skills and I see turner improvement as an important function of the club. We need to be disseminating the great depth of knowledge within NWWT.

There are other things I'd like to try to accomplish this year. Not as interesting as turning topics but as important are finishing the business arrangements for the club. I would like to see the bylaws revised and arrangements for club incorporation, to whatever end we decide is appropriate, completed. Not exactly exciting stuff, but tasks that we must accomplish, none the less.

We already have a good slate of out of town demonstrators set up already. Lyle Jamison, Michael Hosuluk, Cindy Drozda and Bihn Pho will be visiting NWWT in 2009 for club demonstrations, classes and extended demonstrations. Joe Jedrochowski will have more information for us as these dates approach. We will fill the other months with local turners and old favorites like the January Swap Meet (January 8<sup>th</sup>) and Gadget Night.

I hope we will all enjoy another year with NWWT filled with fun, improved and expanded adventures in woodturning.

Mike Meredith

## QUICK UPDATES

**Northwest Woodturners** meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. See [www.northwestwoodturners.com](http://www.northwestwoodturners.com) for details and map.

Next Meeting:  
**January 8th**  
Turning Challenge:  
**Miniature Turnings**

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## 2009 TURNING CHALLENGE

January	Miniature Turning	Turnings smaller than 1 inch x 1 inch x 1 inch
February	Winged Bowl	Watch your knuckles on this one.
March	Thin Walled Turnings	Push your hollowing to its limits
April	Embellishments	Airbrush, piercing, carving, texturing, or burning
May	Salt and Pepper Mill	Just in time for the BBQ
June	Travel Mug	Check your local and online stores for a kit
July	Hollow form	Focus on shape and form
August	No Challenge	Bring a turning to auction off to support your club
September	Sea Urchin	Don't take these from the ocean floor
October	Raffle/Auction Turning	Wood you got from the auction or raffle
November	Ornaments	'Tis the season
December	Christmas party exchange	



*January  
Meeting  
Thursday  
January 8th*



## HAVE YOU SEEN ME?

At the November's meeting, I took a last minute photo of a the Burl Maple bowl shown below. The owner was gathering his raffle wood and I mistakenly delivered the bowl to the wrong person in the parking lot. This was not intended to be a raffle or door prize of course. I feel just terrible for this mistake. The bowl creator has a 25-year-old sentimental attachment to this piece and would really appreciate its return. Please contact me to arrange the return of this to the rightful owner.

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## HILLSBORO HIGH SCHOOL WOODTURNING PROGRAM DEVELOPS

Joe has been getting a great response from the membership about setting up the turning stations at Hillsboro High School. If you have some tools, wood, supplies, or some extra time to donate to the cause, please contact Joe at [jjedro@comcast.net](mailto:jjedro@comcast.net).

Joe recently submitted a request to AAW for an educational grant that hopefully will help fund further development. This is another example of how local clubs, joining with our national club (AAW) can help introduce younger people to turning. Expect more information from Joe in the coming months on the schools woodturning program.

Scott Blackman

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## NEWS FROM THE CARVING COMMUNITY

Internationally know wood carver, Chris Pye produces his own monthly newsletter. He often has things in his newsletter that apply to wood turning. The following is a good illustration.

“Carving (woodturning) is a reductive process: you reduce your material until you are left with what you want. When you carve (turn), you take wood away. You create space, not wood. Your final carving (turning) is untouched, un-carved (un-turned), wood – yes? Every time you are interested in form, space and form are inseparable, absolutely bound as one.”

“Most beginners concentrate on the reducing sides of things: the wood they are taking away. But this goes on the floor, or in the fire; no one is interested in it. What they are interested in is what you left behind. You have to place your attention on what’s left when the chisel comes away: its mass, how it articulates with the next mass; the flow of the surface; lines and edges. That’s your carving (turning).”

The argument then is to be careful of what you take off and give yourself some idea of what you are doing and where you wish to end before you start. You need to have an idea of the final form before you start otherwise you will often end up with just “something” which could have been better if you had given it some thought before you started removing material.

Jim Hall

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## HANDMADE TOY SALES - NEW LEGISLATION

There is a new law going into effect next February in the USA called the “Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA)”. This law requires international and domestic manufactures of all items intended to be used by children under 12 years old (toys, clothing, furniture, etc...) to submit every batch of manufactured product to testing by a third-party agency. The testing is intended to certify on a manufactured batch basis that these children’s items are free of hazardous materials and meet US Consumer Product Safety Commission standards. Here is a link to the Congressional Act: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsia.pdf>.

The Handmade Toy Alliance sees significant problems with this act, as written, and is calling on Congress to amend the Act so that small USA, Canadian and European businesses are exempted from the financially onerous third-party testing provisions.

If you make toys or other items intended for children’s use, you should dial into the HTA’s site to read more about this legislation, the potential impact on your business or hobby income, and the proposed amendments to this Act.

Best regards,

Ed Davidson - From the AAW Forum, Dec. 18, 2008

## LOCAL EVENTS, CLASSES, AND DEMO'S

Date	Class/Demo	Location	Instructor
01/03	Pen Turning & Small items	Woodcrafters	Jerry Keller
01/04	Google SketchUp	Woodcraft	Lloyd Johnson
01/10	Wooden Tops	Woodcrafters	Bob Tuck
01/11	Pen Turning	Woodcraft	George Hays
01/24	Beginning Lathe Turning	Woodcraft	Bob Tuck
01/25	Intermediate Lathe Turning	Woodcraft	Bob Tuck
For more information and many other fine classes available from these stores contact:		Woodcraft Store at (503) 684-1428 Email <a href="mailto:portlandretail@woodcraft.com">portlandretail@woodcraft.com</a>	
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		Woodcrafters Store at (503) 231-0226 Web page: <a href="http://woodcrafters.us/">http://woodcrafters.us/</a>	

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

Submissions to the newsletter are due by the 20th of the month. Articles, tips, web links, classified ads, or other items pertaining to woodturning are welcome.

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## CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale: Maple & Walnut Burl turning stock (picture above) Volume discount. (541) 367-3495. Tim Shipp

For Sale: Pen blanks, about 20 or so kinds on hand, 3 for a buck, minimum order 60, plus shipping. Contact me by e-mail for details. [woodward@spiritone.com](mailto:woodward@spiritone.com) Don Woodward

For Sale: Jet 1442 lathe, with extras (two tool rests, tool holder, etc.) and platform. It's in excellent shape; probably better than some of the floor models I have seen in recent years. Asking \$700.00. We have too many lathes, and one must go. It's in Reedsport, but I can bring it to Portland next meeting. Anyone interested can call me at 541-271-5151 or e-mail at [lkbridge@charter.net](mailto:lkbridge@charter.net). Lee Bridge

**Guidelines for Classified Ads:** Ads will run for 3 (three) consecutive months. Please submit your ad by the 20th of the month. The Editor takes no responsibility for spelling or grammatical errors. All woodworking items, for sale or wanted, are welcome.



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